

I. Argument.

1. Claims 1-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Rensel. (US 6,036,179).

Claims 1-6, 8, 9 are cancelled. Claim 7 is amended.

2. Claims 16-20 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Kulka et al. (US 5,483,827).

Claims 16-20 are cancelled.

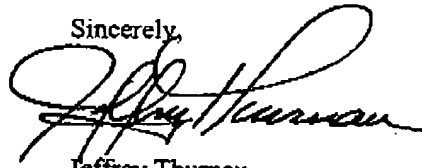
Applicant requests allowance of all claims.

II. Fees.

Any fees payable for this amendment and petition for extension of time may be deducted from deposit account 07-0475 in the name of the Gates Corporation.

Thank you for your attention to this case. If any questions arise, please call at the number below.

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